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### 1. JAPAN

MEETING W/MITI OFFICIALS 2/14, EC'S CHIEF DIRECTOR FOR  
N AMER/NZ/AUSTRALIA/JAPAN MEYNELL DEMANDED JAPAN INCREASE  
IMPORTS FINISHED PRODUCTS TO REDRESS ITS TRADE SURPLUS  
W/W EUR. MEYNELL ALSO DEMANDED GOJ SIMPLIFY IMPORT  
PROCEDURES/IMPROVE TRADE MARK REGISTRATION SYSTEM  
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(UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

UPI CITES OECD "CONFIDENTIAL" REPORT BY MONETARY EXPERTS  
THAT US DOLLAR WILL COME UNDER SPECULATIVE PRESSURE  
AGAIN IF JAPAN/FRG FAIL BOOST THEIR ECON GROWTH.  
REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED THURS/FRI BY WORKING PARTY IN  
PARIS, IN WHICH TREAS UNDERSEC SOLOMON WILL REPRESENT

US (JOC).

KAWASAKI SIGNS 22-MIL-DOL CONTRACT W/COLOMBIAN STEEL MILL TO BUILD INTEGRATED CEMENT PRODUCTION PLANT, FOR COMPLETION 1981-82 (WSJ).

HMG FIGURES SHOW UK HAS BEEN ABLE CRACK JAPANESE CAR MKTS SLIGHTLY BY EXPORTING "OLD BANGERS"--USED CARS. JAGUARS/PORSCHE/MERCEDES POPULAR W/JAPANESE YOUTH, AND UK EXPORTER BLUETT FINDING HE CAN'T MEET DEMAND (UPI, JOC).

IN 2/14 TEST OF NEW "FLOATING" SURFACE TRANSPORT, JAPAN AIR LINES REPORTED ACHIEVING 190-MPH SPEED. TRANSPORT SYSTEM HELD ABOVE TRACK BY MAGNETIC POWER/WILL HOPEFULLY BE USED SPEED TOKYO-NARITA AIRPORT TRANSIT (AP, SUN; REUTER TOKYO, 2/14).

## 2. KOREA

ROKG STUDYING PLAN ALLOW END-USERS FREELY IMPORT 54 ITEMS NOT DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED IN ORDER STABILIZE DOMESTIC MKT PRICES. ITEMS INCL SUGAR/LUMBER/WOOL/COFFEE/COCOA (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

## 3. MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA NAMES WB PRES ROBT MCNAMARA/FORMER MALAYSIAN PM TUNKU RAHMAN AS RECIPIENTS OF 1ST INTL AWARDS FROM TUN ABDUL RAZAK FOUNDATION. MCNAMARA RECEIVED SOME 12,000 DOLS AS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN UPLIFTING UNCLASSIFIED

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STDS OF LIVING/PROMOTING PEACE, UNDERSTANDING AMONG NATIONS (REUTER KL).

## 4. CHINA

SEN JACKSON (D-WASH) MET FONMIN HUANG HUA OVER WORKING DINNER 2/4--SECOND FULL DAY OF HIS WK-LONG PRC VISIT. NO DETAILS GIVEN BY EITHER ON WHAT DISCUSSED (REUTER PEKING, 2/14).

PRITCHETT (REUTER PEKING, 2/14) REPORTS PRC, FOR 1ST TIME IN YEARS, PUBLISHED DETAILED ACCOUNT CRIMINAL TRIAL IN PEKING. CASE INVOLVES 26-YR-OLD FACTORY WORKER FAN YE-HLING, ACCUSED OF STEALING TRUCK. ACCOUNT APPEARED IN "CHINA RECONSTRUCTS." PUBLICATION INTERPRETED BY ANALYSTS AS UNUSUAL ADMISSION THAT CRIME EXISTS IN CHINA/EVIDENCE PRC ATTEMPTING RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE FOLLOWING CR TURMOIL.

PRC MARKS 5TH ANNIVERSARY EDGAR SNOW'S DEATH W/FULL-PAGE TRIBUTE IN "PD" (REUTER PEKING).

US ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING "ROCKY" REPORTEDLY WILL BE 1ST US FEATURE FILM SHOWN IN CHINESE-OPERATED CINEMA. FEW CHINESE EXPECTED SEE FILM, HOWEVER (REUTER PEKING).

"ASAHI" CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING REPORTS PEKING OPERA REVIVED FOLLOWING CR; CLASSICS SUCH AS "MONKEY"/"WATER MARGIN" PERFORMED IN CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR (AP TOKYO, PHINQ).

5. VIETNAM

DOJ ANNOUNCES IT WILL FILE CIVIL SUIT AGNST FORMER CIA AGENT FRANK SNEPP WHO BROKE PROMISE TO CLEAR BOOK ABOUT AGENCY BEFORE PUBLICATION. AT TUES NEWS CONF, ATTY GED BELL SAID USG WILL SEEK DAMAGES/PERHAPS INJUNCTION AGNST SNEPP FOR "DECENT INTERVAL." LAWSUIT WOULD BE 1ST FULL LEGAL TEST OF CONTRACT THAT ALL CIA EMPLOYEES SIGN UPON JOINING AGENCY. "IF THAT CONTRACT ISH'T VALID," BELL SAID, "WE AND EVERYONE OUGHT TO KNOW IT. IF IT IS VALID, THEN WE THINK IT OUGHT TO BE ENFORCED" (WEAVER, NYT SPEC). WP'S BABCOCK/MINTZ SAY SECRECY OATH ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE BECAUSE OF RECE'T TERMINATION SOME 800 AGENTS FROM AGENCY'S CLANDESTINE SERVICE. SOME HAVE EXPRESSED BITTERNESS, THREATENED WRITE BOOKS. SUN'S MANN SAYS ACTION MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DESIGNED WARN/DETER OTHER FORMER EMPLOYEES FROM WRITING BOOKS.

NYT (W/PHOTO BELL) SAYS NOT CLEAR HOW DOJ WOULD MEASURE FINANCIAL LOSSES TO GOVT, THAT DOJ MIGHT SEEK PUNITIVE RATHER THAN COMPENSATORY DAMAGES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE CONTRACT VIOLATIONS. SOME LAWYERS SAID GOVT MIGHT RECOVER ALL PROFITS FROM BOOK IF ESTABLISHED THAT "RANDOM HOUSE" KNEW AUTHOR HAD BINDING AGREEMENT W/CIA AND COOPERATED W/HIM IN BREAKING IT.

6. THAILAND/CAMBODIA

ACCORDING THAI JOURNALIST NARUNART PRAPANYA, INTERNING AT CSM, THERE ARE AT LEAST 3 "FIRSTS" IN NEW BORDER CLASHES BETW CAMBODIA/THAILAND: 1) CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS JOINED BY THAI COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS INSIDE THAILAND; 2) FIGHTING NOW SPREAD ALL WAY TO POINT FARTHEST NORTH ALONG BORDER; 3) CAMBODIANS HAVE TAKEN VILLAGERS/ LIVESTOCK BACK ACROSS BORDER AS HOSTAGES. REPORTS 2/9 ATTACK CAME EXACTLY 1 WK AFTER THAI FONMIN UPADIT RETURNED FROM PP W/AGREEMENT THAT 2 COUNTRIES WOULD EXCHANGE AMBS/RESUME TRADE, BUT W/NO GUARANTEE TO END BORDER CONFLICT. QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT UPADIT RETURNED HOME ESSENTIALLY "EMPTY-HANDED" (STORY ACCOMPANIED BY MAP).

7. CAMBODIA

HANOI SOURCES SAY PRINCE SIHANOUK, HEARD FROM ONLY TWICE SINCE '76, IS IN PRISON NOT FAR FROM PP; BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER HIS WIFE IS ALIVE (PHINQ, W/PHOTO SIHANOUK).

8. PHILIPPINES

IMELDA MARCOS TUES ANNOUNCED USSR HAS OFFERED REPLACE PLANNED US-BUILT NUKE POWER PLANT WHOSE DESIGNS/FINANCING BEING QUESTIONED IN US. SAID OFFER CAME LAST MO, DAY AFTER MARCOS ORDERED REVIEW OF CONTRACT AWARDS FOR 1.1-BIL-DOL PROJECT, AND INCL IMplete PLANT/REACTOR/DEVELOPMENT URANIUM RESOURCES. SHE SAID MARCOS HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCEPT SOVIET OFFER. WESTINGHOUSE, HOWEVER, DISMISSED RUSSIAN OFFER AS UNLIKELY JEOPARDIZE CONSTRUCTION OF RE-  
ACTOR IT'S SUPPLYING (AP MANILA, WSJ; AP MANILA, W/PHOTO  
IMELDA).

PHILS DEFENSE DEPT ANNOUNCES IT HAS DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF  
SPLIT IN MNFL LEADERSHIP (REUTER MANILA).

COMMENT AND A'ALYSIS

9. CHINA

REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON PRC'S  
CURRENT MOOD. SAYS CHINA, AFTER LONG SPRING FESTIVAL  
VACATION, "FAIRLY BURSTING W/CONFIDENCE THAT GOOD TIMES  
ARE COMING." LEADERS, "RUSHING FORWARD W/AMBITIOUS DE-  
VELOPMENT PLANS," CAREFULLY BALANCE PROBLEMS OF GOOD LIFE  
W/DENUNCIATIONS OF GANG OF FOUR. FOR FEW DAYS, PRITCHETT  
NOTES, PRC WENT O' SPREE IN CELEBRATION NEW YEAR; BUT  
AUTHORITIES REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THIS WAS POSSIBLE  
BECAUSE GANG OF FOUR COULD NO LONGER SABOTAGE EVERY ASPECT  
OF LIFE. "PD" SAID STABILITY/UNITY REIGN THROUGHOUT PRC/  
FESTIVAL WAS INSPIRATION TO GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMING  
YEAR. PRITCHETT OUTLINES DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS PRC SET FOR  
SELF.

10. VIETNAM

CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH DOES COLUMN ON LEGALITY OF SURVEILLANCE  
THAT LED TO INDICTMENT OF USIA'S RONALD HUMPHREY FOR PAS-  
SING CLASSIFIED DOCS TO VIETS. MAKES STRONG CASE FOR PRESI-  
DENTIAL POWERS, SAYING PRES' "OVERRIDING DUTY" IS PROTECT  
NATL SECURITY. CONDEMNS THOSE WHO THINK POWERS SHOULD BE  
NEUTERED WHEN NATL SEC

RITY THREATENED BY COVERT MEANS--"BY

TURNCOATS OR ESPIONAGE AGENTS, BY TERRORISTS OR SUBVER-  
SIVES." SAYS INVOLVEMENT PRES IH NATL SECURITY ESPIONAGE  
CASES "SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION AGNST 'NTOWARD IN-  
VASION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS." CONCLUDES "THERE HAS TO BE  
PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION."

11. JAPAN

NYT RUNS ASAHI SHIMBUN'S EDITOR YOUKIO MATSUYAMA PIECE ON  
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JAPAN'S GLOBAL TRADE RELS. ADVISES JAPAN VIEW SITUATION  
IH FUNDAMENTAL TERMS/FROM LONG-TERM VIEWPOINT--'OT MERELY  
SEEKING OUT TEMPORARY ANSWERS IN ORDER AVOID CONFLICT. SAYS  
JAPAN MUST ESCAPE REPUTATION OF BEING COUNTRY WHICH "'CAN  
ONLY TAKE MAKESHIFT STEPS AS A RESULT OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE."  
URGES JAPAN BECOME USED TO CONFLICT/CONFRONTATION W/O BE-  
COMING PANICSTRICKEN/HYSTERICAL. BELIEVES IF JAPAN CON-

TINUES ZENSHO--MAKING BEST OF BAD BARGAIN--CRISIS WILL  
CONTINUE ENDLESSLY. URGES JAPAN ASSERT ITSELF, TAKING  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER WORLD ECON ORDER  
ON BASIS OF "PHILOSOPHICAL CONVICTION" THAT THIS IS RIGHT--  
NOT BECAUSE OTHER NATIONS FORCE IT DO SO. VANCE

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